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Bill Leonard, President

Dear Professor Brietrose:

I am delighted to respond to your letter of March 12 concerning Irv Drasnin.

As you probably know, Mr. Drasnin, over a period of many, many years, was first a producer in the hard news area and then one of our leading documentarians. On a professional level, he turned out some of the most extraordinary pieces of broadcast journalism that it has been CBS News' privilege to broadcast.

My particular favorite, one of the most powerful in the history of the television medium, was "The Guns of August". There are many others, too numerous to mention.

Mr. Drasnin is a forthright individual of the highest personal and professional integrity. He is articulate, and a very shrewd observer of the film medium, to say the least. It would seem to me that a group of young men and women who are interested in journalism and in film would benefit to an extraordinary degree from an exposure to Mr. Drasnin. I suspect he would bring enthusiasm, humor and warmth to his work in the classroom.

I cannot imagine that you would be disappointed.

Sincerely,

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